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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Koethen Airfield

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 15 to 20 February 1952

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1 DATE PREPARED 13 March 1952

REFERENCES

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REMARKS Paragraphs 1 and 2 supplement [REDACTED] and covering the same period. 25X1

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SOURCE [REDACTED] 25X1

1. After 2:30 p.m. on 15 February 1952, there was intensive air activity by swept-back jet fighters at Koethen airfield. Two men were laying red ground panels in the center of the landing field. One of them gave signals with small red flag. The runway was cleared of snow.
2. At 3:10 p.m. on 16 February, two single-engine, low-wing monoplanes with radial engines and single rudder assemblies, probably La-11s, circled over the field. No radiators were observed on the planes. Twenty-four aircraft crates were counted in the barracks yard.
3. On 18 February, it snowed. There was hazy weather and poor visibility. During the entire period of observation, trucks [REDACTED] 25X1 and ambulance [REDACTED] 25X1 were observed in Koethen. Recently source has observed that trucks [REDACTED] 25X1 shuttled regularly between Koethen and Dessau. *

25X1 * [REDACTED] Comment. The report confirms the presence of jet fighters at Koethen airfield. It is believed that the field is occupied by a fighter regiment and an unidentified air unit [REDACTED] 25X1 According to other reports, the latter unit was supplied with a total of 50 aircraft crates from the U.S.S.R. in January and February 1952. One MiG-15 was probably in each crate. These observations are supplemented by the information that there are 24 aircraft crates at the field. It has not been determined whether the two single-engine aircraft are La-11s or Yak-11s.

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